THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Ban on new construction activities in Delhi

584. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court has recently advised the Government of Delhi to ban all new construction activity which may add to population load and water demand for the next ten years;

(b) whether the observations of the Delhi High Court are being studied;

(c) whether the Delhi Government propose to impose such a ban; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have informed that it is not aware of any such advice of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.

Housing under Master Plan-2021

585. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Master Plan-2021 has focussed on housing the rich and the economically weaker sections of society, ignoring the middle class;

(b) whether there is any lack of vital resources like power and water; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) The Master Plan for Delhi-2021 aims to ensure housing and shelter options for all categories of people. The proposed housing strategy incorporates specific approaches for development of new housing areas, upgradation and re-densification of existing housing areas including unauthorised colonies, housing in villages and Special Area. The housing strategy recommends four categories of Dwelling Units (DU) sizes with different density norms. Keeping in view the socio-economic composition of the population, around 50-55% of the housing requirement would be for urban poor and the economically weaker sections in the form of house of two rooms or less with average plinth area of about 25 square metres to 40 square metres.

The four categories are as follows:-

Slum/EWS housing (upto 30 sq.m)	—	600 DUs/ha
Category I (above 30 - upto 40 sq.m)	—	500 DUs/ha
Category II (above 40 - upto 80 sq.m)	—	250 DUs/ha
Category III (above 80 sq.m)	—	175 DUs/ha